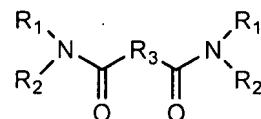


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 and ending at line 20 as follows:

(1) An extractant for palladium comprising a sulfur-containing diamide compound represented by the following structural formula (1):

(1)



wherein R_1 and R_2 each represent a group selected from:

a chain hydrocarbon group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms which may be branched,

an alicyclic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and

an aromatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 14 carbon atom; and

R_3 represents a group represented by $\{(\text{CH}_2)_n \text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_m \} \{ (\text{CH}_2)_n \text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_m \}_L$ wherein n , m and L each represent an integer of from 1 to 4.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 18 and ending at line 22 as follows:

Cases of Comparative Example (di-n-hexyl sulfide (DHS), Example 1 (N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-diphenyl-thiodiglycolamide (1)), Example 2 (N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-diphenyl-3,3'-thiodipropionamide (2)), and Example 3 (~~N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-diphenyl-3,6''-dithiaoctanediamide~~ N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-diphenyl-3,6-dithiaoctanediamide (3)).